REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 24-37 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The rejection of Claims 24-37 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,670,738 is obviated by the timely filing of the enclosed properly executed Terminal Disclaimer. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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